(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) According to the report received from the State Government, no such information has been disclosed by any arrested persons.

Religious places of Assam on terrorists' target

fl57. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that religious places in Assam are on the target of terrorists;

(b) if so, whether State Government has also expressed its apprehension in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken for the security of these places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Some inputs indicate that some religious places located in the around Guwahati are on the target of some elements.

(c) Security measure have been beefed up in the religious places, about which inputs are available and general alert has also been issued as regard other religious places located in different parts of Assam. The entire Counter Operations in Assam have been brought under Unified Headquarters structure since 1997. The safety and security of the religious places has been given priority in the Strategy group as well as Operations group deliberations under the Unified Headquarters.

Terrorism in J and K

†l58. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir region have decreased during the last two years, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the number of tourists has increased in the last two years; if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government for the security of those passengers who come to Kashmir for tourism, whether the security measures of Government have proved effective, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There has been a decrease in terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir during the last two years. The details are shown below:—

year	**No. of terrorist incidents**
2006	1667
2007	1092

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.